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Planning

HCC - Jul 25 - Preliminary Market Engagement (PME) - Residential Placements for Children and Young People aged 7 years and above with Challenging Behaviour and Complex Needs across four sites

Hertfordshire County Council

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Scope

Description

Hertfordshire County Council (The 'Council') is carrying out PME in relation to the provision of Residential Placements for Children and Young People aged 7 years and above with Challenging Behaviour and Complex Needs across four sites (Brickendon, Cassiobury, Clothall and Melbourne.) The Council will consider the feedback received to help inform the Council's options and further decision making. For the avoidance of doubt, this stage of the project is not part of a formal procurement process, and the Council is not committing, at this stage, to carrying out such a process. Participation or non-participation in the PME shall not prevent any provider participating in a potential future procurement, nor is it intended that any information supplied as part of the PME shall place any provider at an advantage in a potential procurement process. Participation in the PME will be at each organisations own cost. No expense in responding to this PME will be reimbursed by the Council.

Contract dates (estimated)

- 1 June 2026 to 31 May 2029
- Possible extension to 31 May 2031
- 5 years

Main procurement category

Services

CPV classifications

- 85000000 - Health and social work services

Contract locations

- UKH23 - Hertfordshire

Engagement

Engagement deadline

31 July 2025

Engagement process description

The Council is carrying out PME in relation to this project. The Council will consider the feedback received to help inform the Council's options, requirements and further decision making. For the avoidance of doubt, this stage of the project is not part of a formal

procurement process and the Council is not committing, at this stage, to carrying out such a process.

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To access the PME documentation please visit the Council's e-tendering system Supply Hertfordshire, run by Intend at <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/supplyhertfordshire> and follow the on-screen guidance. To view this opportunity please click on `Tenders` then `Current` and then scroll down to the project title.

- Selecting 'View Details' on the relevant opportunity
- Clicking the 'Express Interest' tab

The Council is seeking expressions of interest and the option for organisations to attend a PME Provider Event on 17 July 2025 at 14.00. This will take place at the Council's Stevenage base of either Farnham House or Robertson House. Please note that attendance requests for the PME Provider Event (which should be no more than 2 representatives from each organisation) must be received by 12.00 noon on Monday 14th July 2025. Please send your requests to attend the PME Provider Event to cyp.cla@hertfordshire.gov.uk, stating the names of all attendees, with email and telephone contact details.

In addition, to participate in this PME, organisations must return their completed Provider Questionnaire (Appendix A of the PME Document), together with any supporting documents, through the Correspondence area of this project by the return deadline of 12.00 Noon on 31 July 2025, as per the PME documentation and e-tendering system. If your organisation is registered on Find A Tender Service (FTS), you can upload your Questionnaire/Response and click Submit Return to submit it. Questionnaires received after the deadline may not be reviewed at the Council's sole discretion.

Please make sure that you have submitted your Provider Questionnaire following the instructions within the PME documentation and e-tendering system. The Council will not be held accountable for any errors made by an organisation in submitting their Provider Questionnaire.

If you are experiencing problems with the Supply Hertfordshire website, In-Tend offer a help section which includes a dedicated UK support desk which can be contacted via email: support@in-tend.co.uk or Telephone: +44 1144070065 for any website/technical

questions, Monday to Friday, 8:30-17:00.

To ensure you receive email alerts and notifications from our system, please add the email domain `@in-tendorganiser.co.uk` to your Safe Senders list.

Participation

Particular suitability

- Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME)
- Voluntary, community and social enterprises (VCSE)

Procedure

Special regime

Light touch

Contracting authority

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